

WORLD RELIGIONS

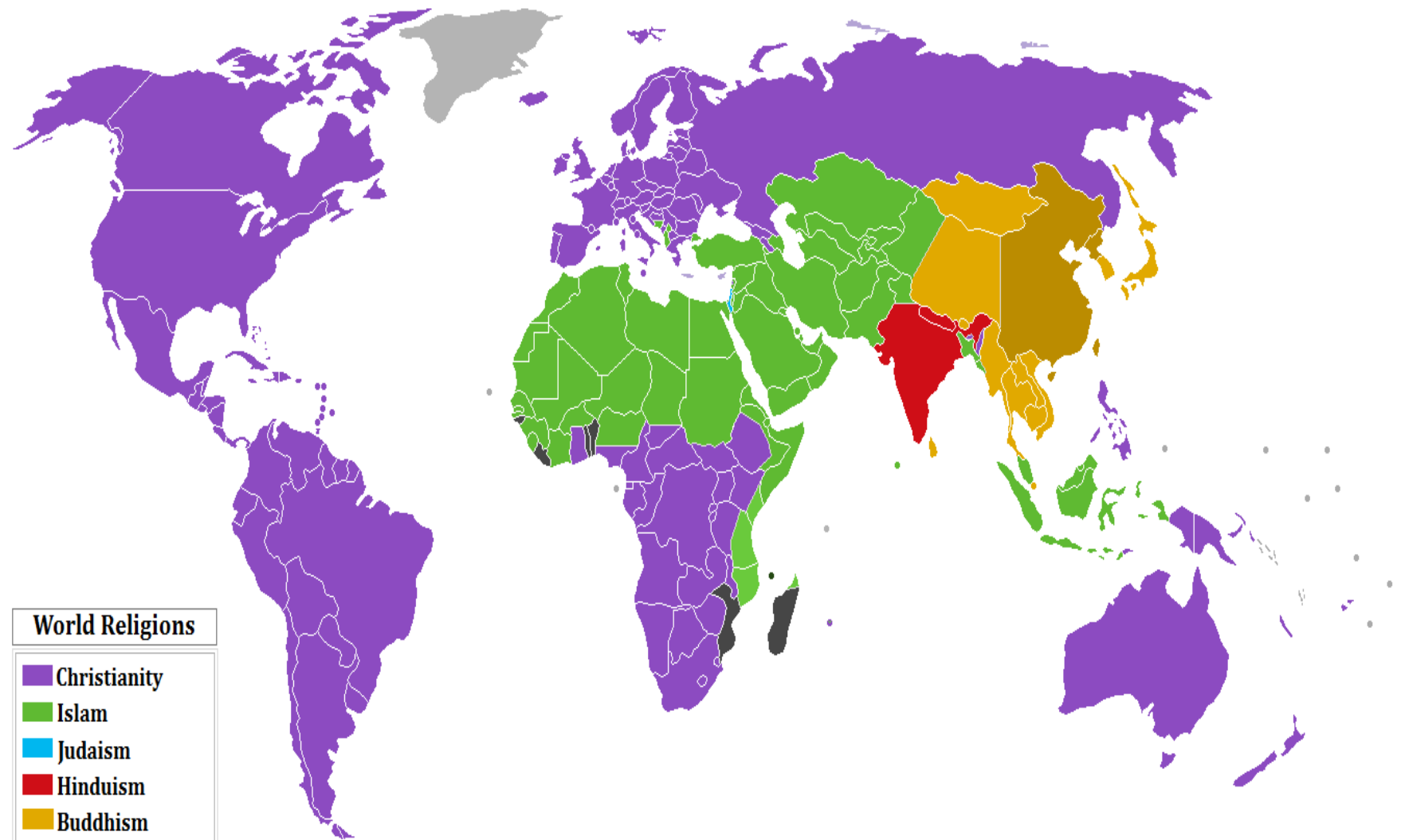
POLYTHEISTIC RELIGIONS

The Two that came from India

Buddhism & Hinduism



Polytheistic Religions



World Religions

- Christianity
- Islam
- Judaism
- Hinduism
- Buddhism
- Chinese religions
- Tribal religions

Buddhism

- **Buddhists follow the beliefs of B.U.D.D.H.A.**
- **B=Buddha**
 - **Buddha is the founder of Buddhism, Siddhartha Guatama**
 - **Buddha means enlightened one**





The Buddhist statues(No.20 Yungang Grottoes
in Datong, Shanxi Province)

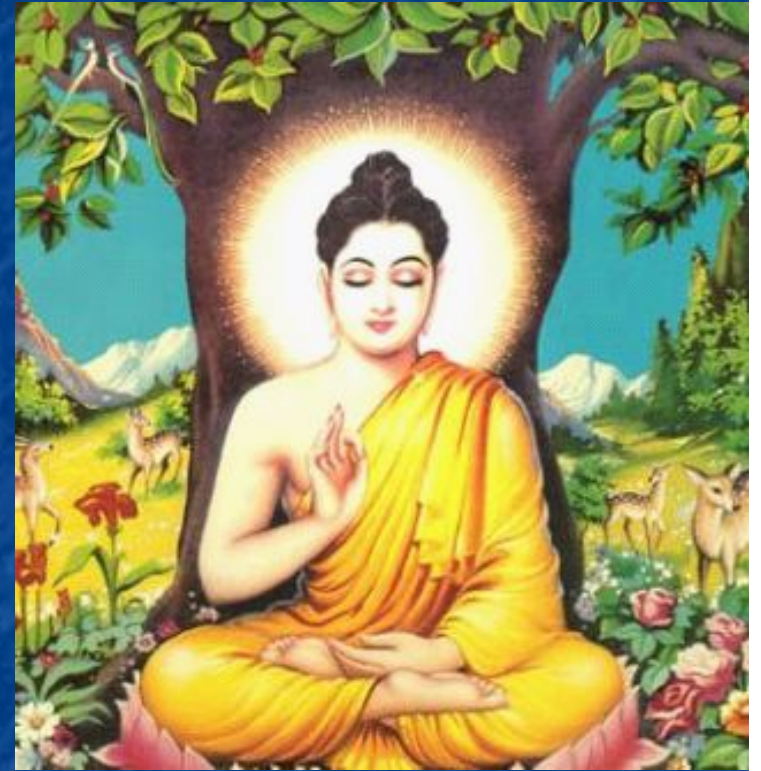
Buddhism

- U=Universe
 - Universal peace requires reaching a state of nirvana and becoming one with the universe



Buddhism

- **D=Doctrine #1**
 - Doctrine #1 is the **Four Noble Truths**
 - 1. Suffering Exists
 - 2. Desires make us suffer
 - 3. End desires = end suffering
 - 4. Follow Eightfold path to end desires



The Eightfold Path

Wisdom

1. Right understanding
2. Right intention

Ethical conduct

3. Right speech
4. Right action
5. Right livelihood

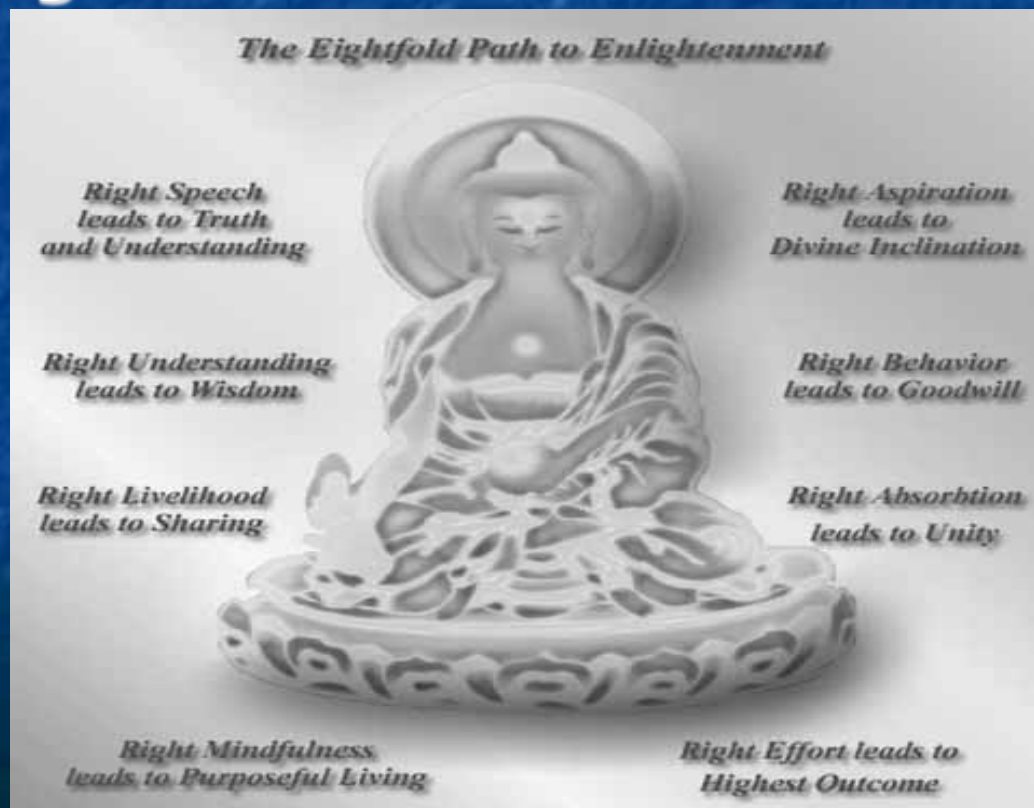
Mental discipline

6. Right effort
7. Right mindfulness
8. Right concentration



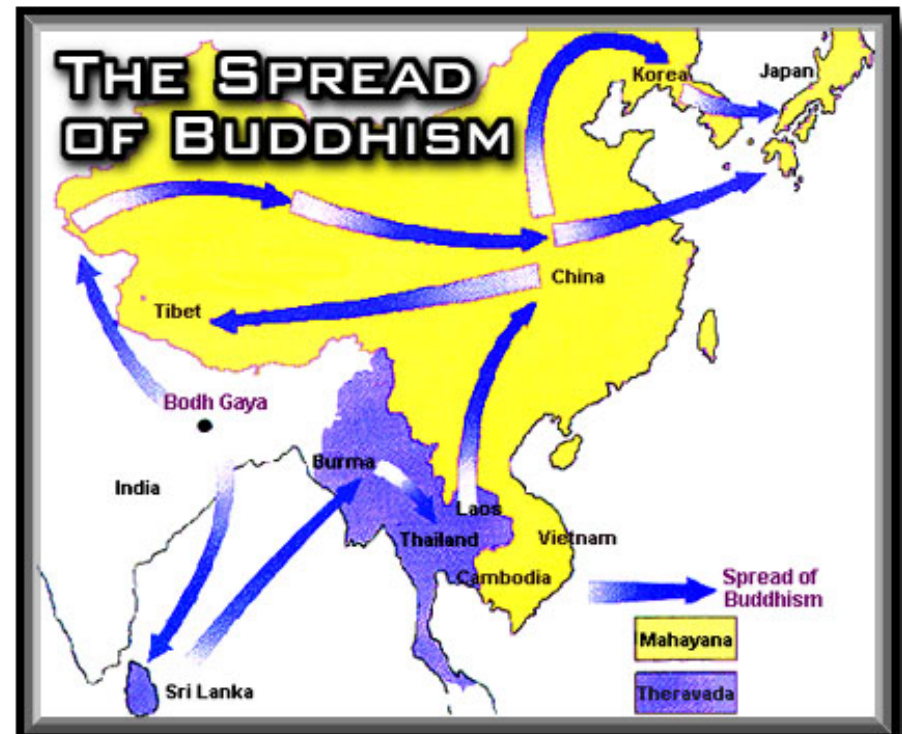
Buddhism

- **D=Doctrine #2**
 - **Doctrine #2 is the Eightfold path**
 - **Following the Eightfold path to enlightenment leads to nirvana**



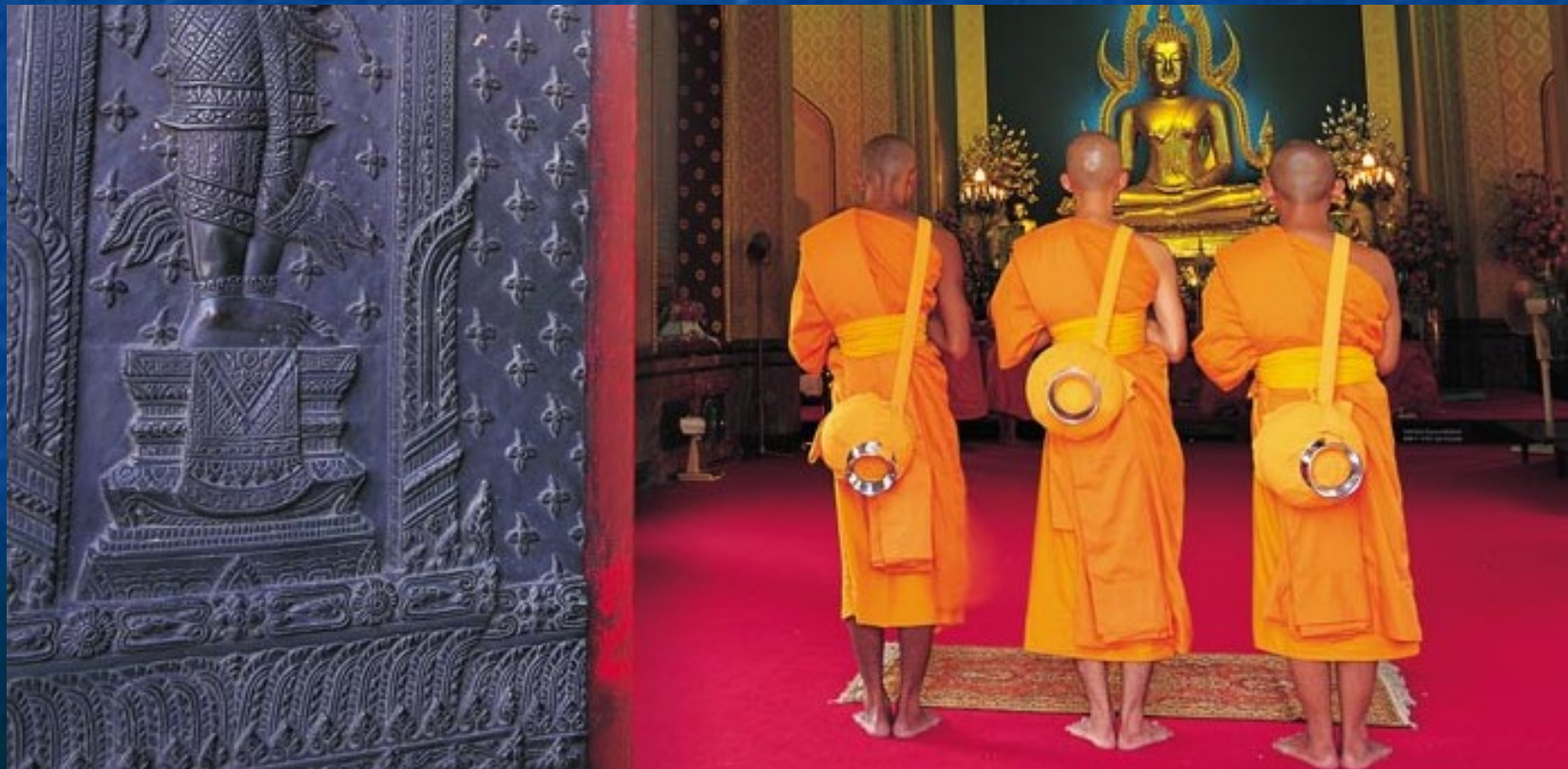
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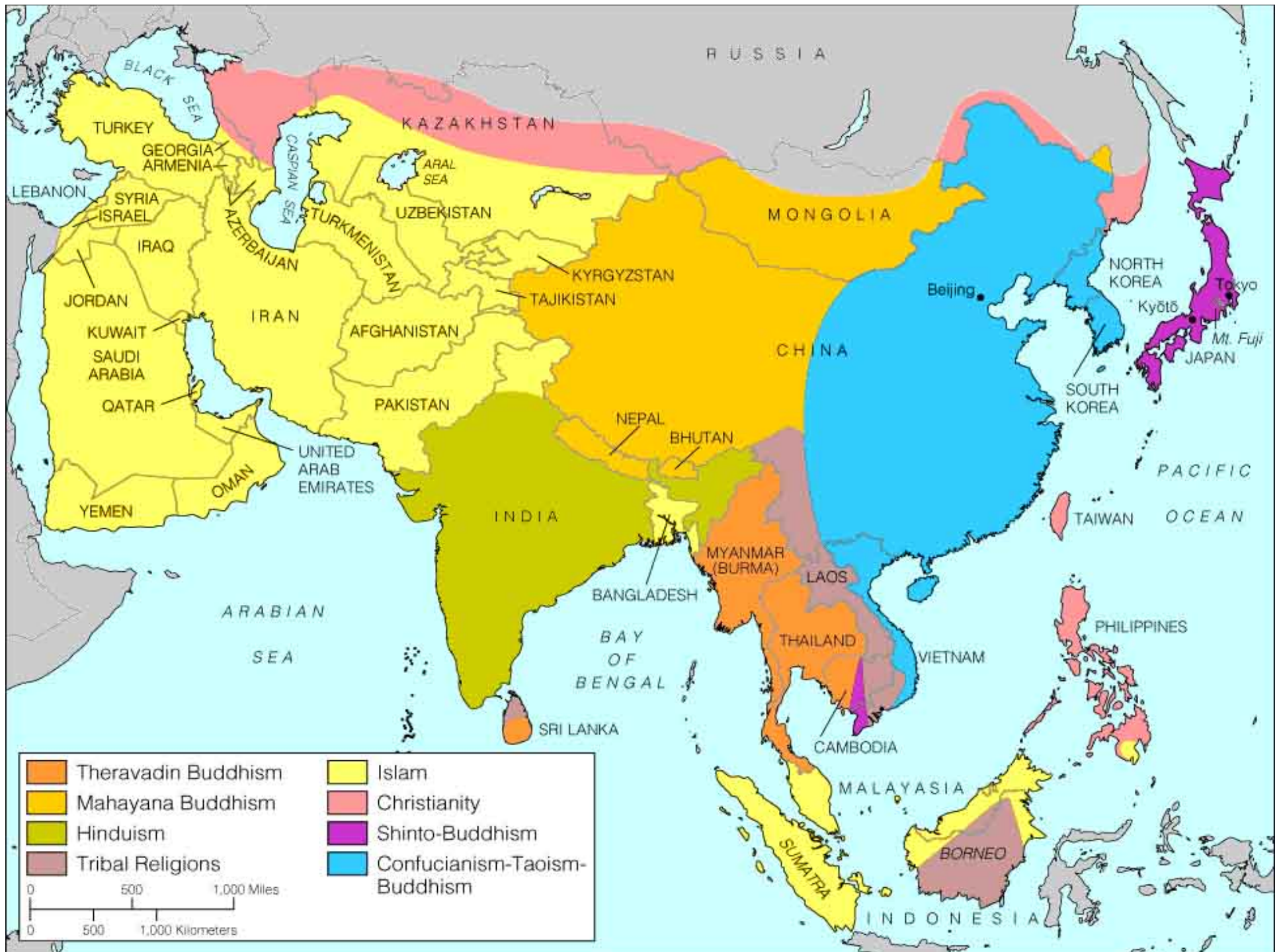
- **H=Hanging**
 - Hanging around Asia is where Buddhism is located
 - Began in India, then diffused to China and Southeast Asia



Buddhism

- **A=Asoka**
 - **Asoka's missionaries and their writings helped spread Buddhism to China and Southeast Asia**



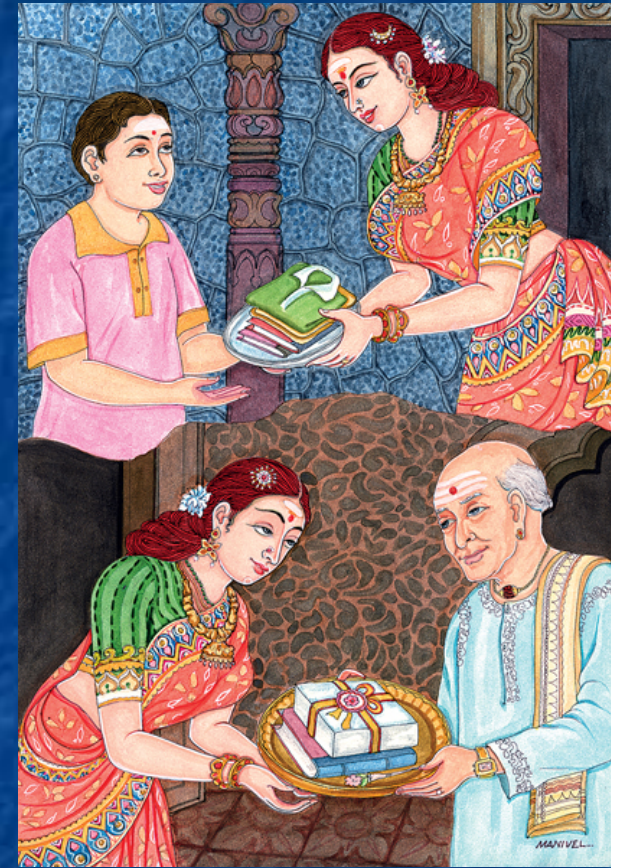


Buddhism

1. East and Southeast Asia
2. Reach Nirvana (enlightenment)
3. Four Noble Truths
4. Siddhartha Gautama (Buddha)
5. Follow Eightfold Path
6. Spread Buddhism from India to China and other parts of Asia

Hinduism

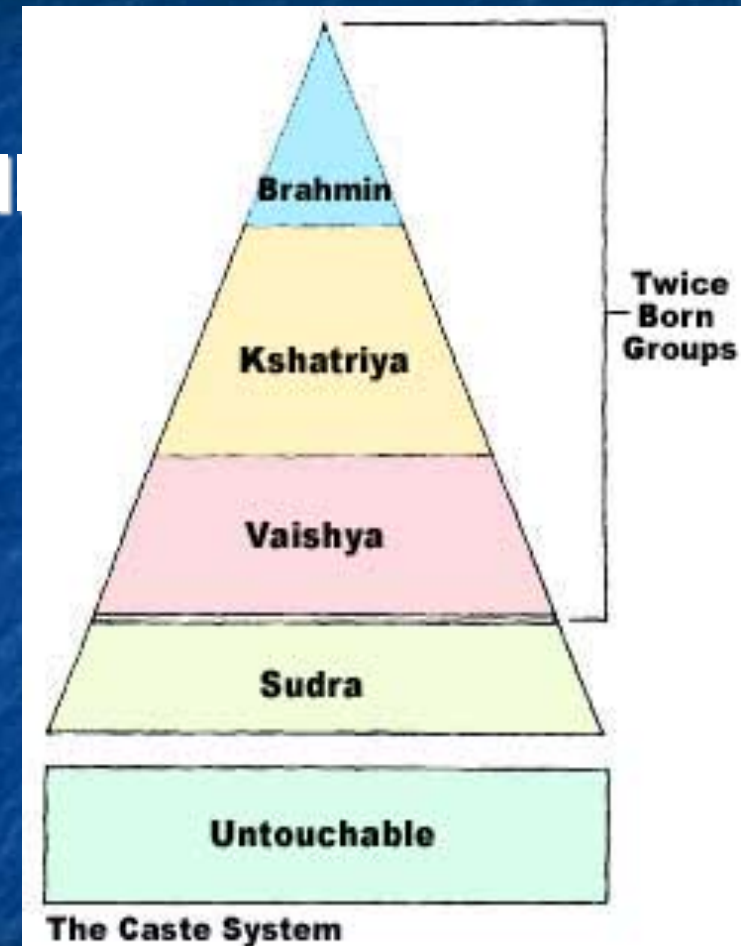
- Hindus believe in K.A.R.M.A.
- K=Karma
 - Karma is knowledge that all thoughts and actions result in future consequences



Hinduism

■ A=A Caste System

- A caste system exists for all Hindus living in India
- Good Karma brings you up the caste system in next life
- Bad Karma brings you down the caste system in next life



Hinduism

- **R=Reincarnation**
 - Reincarnation is rebirth based upon karma
 - Hindus believe all living things have same universal spirit in them



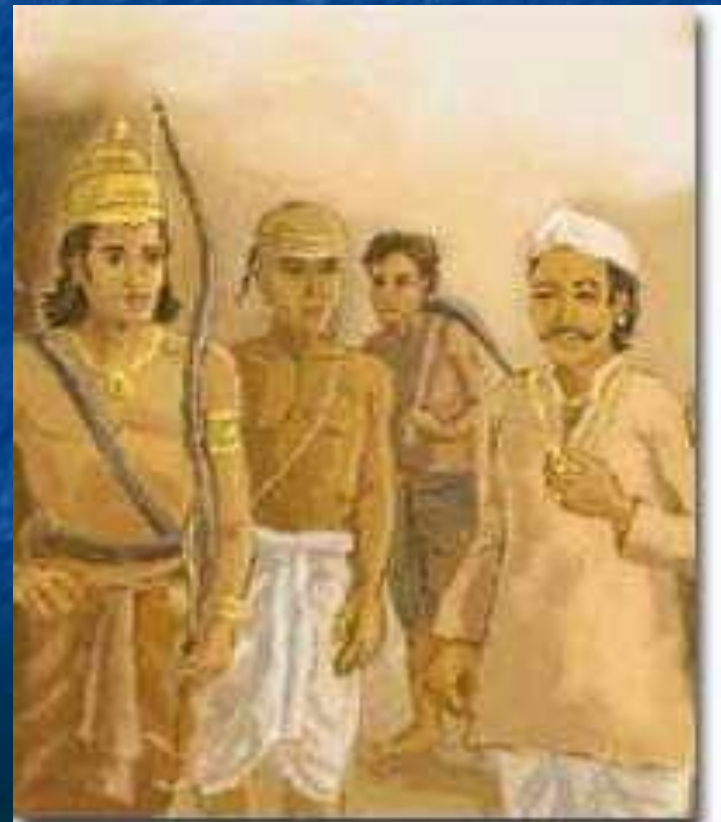
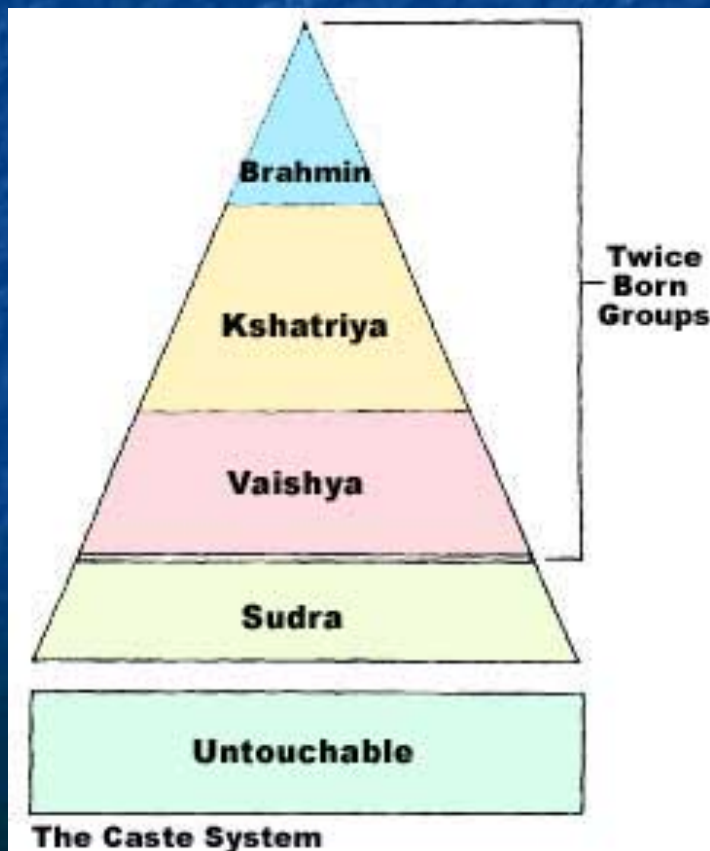
Hinduism

- **M=Many gods**
 - Many gods (forms of deity) exist in Hinduism
 - Hinduism is known as a polytheistic religion



Hinduism

- **A=All Hindus want to end reincarnation**
 - **When Karma becomes good enough, you live with universal spirit**



Hinduism



1. Polytheistic

2. Become one with gods- Brahma

3. Reincarnation - Soul is reborn until one with gods

4. Caste system — Get to top; be one with gods

5. Karma - Future reincarnation based on present behavior

6. India